



Gary Alan Benassi

August 19, 1952 - December 19, 2021

Gary Alan Benassi, age 69, of Bloomington, IN, went home to be with his Lord and Savior at 5:06 p.m. on Sunday, December 19, 2021 at IU Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis with his loving wife, Teresa Benassi, and devoted niece, Maureen Langley, at his side. He was the son of Denzil and Merladene Benassi. Gary is survived by his wife, Teresa (Miller) Benassi, his dog, Jagger, and cat, Hazel. He is also survived by 21 very special nieces and nephews whom he greatly loved as his own children, and one sister, Lori (Paul) Shaver, of Muncie, IN. He had two paternal half-brothers and half-sisters, and a stepfather, Jim Cawood.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Denzil Benassi, and Merladene Cawood, paternal grandparents Otillo and Gladys Benassi, maternal grandparents Henry and Viola Tweedy, and half-brother Clint Inman. Gary loved God and sought to do His will. He pastored Christ's Chapel for the past year. He loved home and family life. He was a custom home builder for 27 years, then worked in Contractor Sales at Lowe's for five years, before retiring in 2019. He was a devoted, loving, and faithful husband. Teresa said he was the best thing that ever happened to her besides getting saved and Gary was instrumental in leading her to Christ. Gary was a United States Marine, serving in the Vietnam war from July 1971 to July 1973. A private burial will be for the family at New Providence Cemetery in Cloverdale, IN. A memorial service will be held Saturday April 30, 2022 at McCormick's Creek State Park in the CCC Recreational Bldg. It will begin at 2 p.m. family and friends are

invited to attend. In lieu of flowers, donations given to his wife, Teresa, would be appreciated. Allen Funeral Home and Crematory have been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and friends at www.allencares.com.

Tribute Wall

PA

“ I have the Holy Spirit with the gift of speaking in tongues because of Gary's testimony to me. He was in my class in school but I wasn't a good friend of his at that time. Later he came to a youth retreat where he gave his testimony of salvation and receiving the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Afterwards I talked to him for hours. I thought I knew the Bible better than he did. I argued with him but he just patiently gave me Scriptures. I could argue with him but there was no arguing with the Word of God. I don't think I was very nice while arguing with him but he never got upset or walked away. He just always had another Holy Scripture to give to me. When I asked, I received, just like Gary said according to those Scriptures. I will see Gary again when my race here on earth is done.

Patty - April 14, 2022 at 08:29 PM

SC

“ One of my favorite childhood memories was staying a week with Theresa and Gary with my sister, Stephanie. The first day we arrived, Theresa got a big box delivered with loads of protective packing peanuts. We asked Theresa if we could use them to prank Gary and she said, "yes!!!" We stuffed his work boots and the sleeves of his work coat full of them. We were a little nervous about that first prank because we weren't sure if he had a good sense of humor or not...

The next night we went upstairs to go to bed and when we pulled back the covers to get in, Gary had filled our entire bed with the packing peanuts!!! Theresa told us the next morning he had been lying downstairs in bed completely giddy waiting for us to find his prank and scream. 🙏 Rest in Paradise, Sir!

Summer Cooper - December 29, 2021 at 09:37 AM

TB

I had forgotten that memory Summer. It made me smile remembering. Yes, he had such good sense of humor and appreciated it in others. Children always loved Gary. He would entertain and play games with them for hours.

Teresa Benassi - December 30, 2021 at 01:39 PM

PM

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Gary’s passing. May the Lord comfort you in the days ahead. Our Grandma Benassi loved him so very much. . . . I am sure she was there to greet him with a huge a smile and hug.*

Paula Benassi Martin - December 23, 2021 at 09:56 AM

CK

“ *My thoughts go back to the many wonderful memories of the time we spent as kids on our grandparents farm. You were so full of fun and life as we played and made up adventures to go on. You will be missed by all who knew and loved you. Sending prayers for comfort and strength your cousin Connie Krauthamer-Wood*



Connie Krauthamer-Wood - December 22, 2021 at 08:20 PM

QL

“ *I helped Gary with a few of his jobs while I was in high school and at lunch time he’d always ask me what I was having for lunch and then when I would tell him what kind of sandwich I had he’d kind of scoff at it and say, “I think I’ll keep mine.” He’d always say that as a joke as if he was willing to trade his lunch like an MRE but he was always sent to work well fed for lunch and he was proud of it.*

Quentin Langley - December 22, 2021 at 07:10 PM

JB

“ So sorry for your loss.....I remember Gary as a sweet, fun loving Guy. May he RIP 🙏👼❤️

Janet Bazini - December 22, 2021 at 11:41 AM

RH

“ I am so sorry for your loss ,I will be here for you when you need me. I remember at Ezra's Graduation ,people were passing out from the heat and it seemed kind of serious and Gary said they are dropping like flies,we all started laughing ,he could make us laugh even in serious situation ,I will always remember his humor .

Rebekah Hamilton - December 22, 2021 at 09:43 AM

BB

“ So sorry to read this in our local paper. It has been many years since I had seen Gary.
I remember playing at our grandparent Benassi 's as a children.
So very sorry for your loss.

Bob Benassi

Bob Benassi - December 21, 2021 at 08:27 PM

CK

Oh Bob the memories of all of us playing at Mamaw and Papaw Benassi farm are priceless.

Connie Krauthamer-Wood - December 22, 2021 at 08:26 PM

 Connie Rautenkranz

“ Teresa, my thoughts and prayers are with you during this most trying of times. Let me know what I can do now or in the coming months.

Connie Rautenkranz

Connie Rautenkranz - December 21, 2021 at 03:37 PM

NA

“ *This was taken of Gary and Teresa in the Spring of 2019 at their nephew Ezra’s high school graduation.*



Nadia - December 21, 2021 at 02:49 PM

KM

“ *Gary had a special heart for children. He encouraged me to get Bladen. Gary said God would reward me for taking care of him. He offered a contribution towards his care.*

In addition, I know Gary respected my walk with the Lord. Last time I was at his house he asked me to say the blessing. That meant the world to me.

Karen Major - December 21, 2021 at 08:44 AM

BM

Gary will always have a special place in my heart. He and Teresa were like second parents to me and my sisters when we were young and they loved our children. He lived his faith with true conviction. He has received the crown of life!

Brenda Moore - December 22, 2021 at 12:24 PM